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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A door closer includes a latch that engages with a
striker and first and second ratchets that engage with the
5 latch. When the latch receives the striker and rotates from
an initial position to a fully latched position, the door is
moved to a fully closed position. When the ratchets disengage
from the latch, the latch returns from the fully latched
position to the initial position. The striker thus disengages
10 from the latch, and the door moves from the fully closed
position to a released position. After the ratchets disengage
from the latch, each ratchet is held at a position at which
the ratchet cannot engage with the latch unless the door is
located at a predetermined position separate from the released
15 position in a door opening direction.

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